

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2000
REGULAR SESSION**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Rhoda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Boehning, Klink, Meyer, Probasco, Campbell, Brown, Fisher, Roswarski, Rhoda
Absent: None

The Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Lisa Decker and City Attorney Eric Burns were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to recess for public hearings on Ordinance 99-50 and Resolution 2000-5, Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. There was no public comment on Ordinance 99-50 Tom Sullivan, Plant Manager of TRW, Inc., spoke in favor of Resolution 2000-5. Councilman Probasco moved to reconvene the regular session, Councilman Campbell seconded. The motion to reconvene passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Presentations or Disposal of Claims or Presentations of Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

Motor Vehicle Report – December 1999
Police Traffic Report – December 1999
Miscellaneous Monthly Department Reports

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2000 special session and the January 10, 2000 regular session session, Councilman Fisher seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-50 (An Ordinance Establishing the Budget for the Lafayette Railroad Relocation Project for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Boehning seconded. Ordinance 99-50 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Ordinances for First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-1 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate, from NB to GB, Petitioner, Edward D. Cook) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Campbell seconded. Joseph Bumbleburg, representing the petitioner, explained the proposal. Councilman Klink stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Francis O'Connor expressing her opposition to the proposal. Councilman Campbell spoke in opposition to the proposal. Councilman Boehning spoke in opposition to the proposal. Councilman Fisher commented on the proposal. Councilman Klink spoke in favor of the proposal. Ordinance 2000-1 passed 6-2 on a roll call vote with the vote being as follows:

Ayes: Klink, Meyer, Probasco, Brown, Fisher, Roswarski

Nays: Boehning, Campbell

The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-2 (An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Ordinance Number 79-47 being the Unified Subdivision Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. President Rhoda explained the proposal. Ordinance 2000-2 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-3 (An Ordinance to Transfer Money Within the Fire Department) by title only for first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Jeff McCoy, Fire Chief, explained the proposal. Councilman Meyer inquired about the excess in salaries from 1999 and Chief McCoy explained. Councilman Meyer inquired about the possibility of using excess salary funds for the fire pension. Councilman Fisher asked for clarification of the communication equipment. Chief McCoy explained the proposal. Ordinance 2000-3 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-4 (An Ordinance to Transfer Money Within the Parks Department) by title only for first reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Vicki Mayes, Park Superintendent, explained the proposal. Councilman Probasco inquired about the proposal. Councilman Roswarski encouraged the Park Department to work with Greenbush Industries to provide services to the Park Department. Mrs. Mayes stated that she hopes to be able to utilize the services of Greenbush Industries. Ordinance 2000-4 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-5 (An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Lafayette, Petitioner, G & L Development, Co., Inc.) by title only for first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Meyer seconded. Councilman Campbell moved to amend Ordinance 2000-5 in its entirety, Councilman Meyer seconded. Marianne Owen, Stuart and Branigin, explained the amendments. Ordinance 2000-5 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Meyer moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 2000-5 for May 1, 2000 at 7:01 p.m. and moved to hear the ordinance on second reading at the June 5, 2000 regular session, Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Probasco explained Ordinance 2000-6 and requested suspension of the rules to hear Ordinance 2000-6, Councilman Boehning seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous voice vote. The Clerk read Ordinance 2000-6 (An Ordinance to Vacate a Utility Easement in the City of Lafayette, Indiana, Petitioner, JIRO, LLC) by title only for first reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Councilman Meyer stated that a public hearing would need to be set if the ordinance passes on first reading. Ordinance 2000-6 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 2000-6 for March 6, 2000, at 7:01 p.m., Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-5 (A Resolution Confirming the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for Tax Abatement, Petitioner, TRW, Inc.) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Klink seconded. Resolution 2000-5 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-6 (A Resolution Ratifying and Approving the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for Tax Abatement, Petitioner, Wabash National, L.P.) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Campbell seconded. John Gambs, General Counsel and Secretary for Wabash National, was available for questions. Councilman Meyer inquired about the performances of previous tax abatements that had been granted to Wabash National. Mr. Gambs stated that the employment figures should be fulfilled. Councilman Meyer expressed his concern regarding employment figures. Mike Brooks, Greater Lafayette Progress, stated that skilled workers are difficult to find and explained that the jobs are well compensated. Councilman Probasco commented on the employee compensation. Councilman Campbell inquired about the diversity of the workforce at Wabash National and the communication difficulties. Mr. Gambs stated that communicating with some employees is difficult but they continue to work on the situation. Resolution 2000-6 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote with Councilman Roswarski abstaining from the vote.

Councilman Meyer moved to set a public hearing on Resolution 2000-6 for March 6, 2000, at 7:02 p.m., Councilman Campbell seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-7 (A Resolution of the City of Lafayette, Indiana Expending Certain Funds from Park Non-Reverting Funds) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Vicki Mayes, Park Superintendent, explained the proposal. Councilman Meyer reiterated his concern that neighborhood pools are taken into account. Resolution 2000-7 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-8 (A Resolution Requesting a Study of the Columbian Park Neighborhood) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Klink seconded. President Rhoda stated that he sponsored the resolution and introduced Margy Deverall, Columbian Park Neighborhood, who explained the proposal. Councilman Probasco inquired about the area within the neighborhood association. Ms. Deverall explained the neighborhood vision for the association. Ms. Deverall expressed her gratitude for the help from Councilmen Fisher and Rhoda. Resolution 2000-8 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Brown moved for suspension of the rules to hear Ordinance 2000-9, Councilman Campbell seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous voice vote. The Clerk read Resolution 2000-9 (A Resolution to Accept the Historic Jeff Neighborhood Focus Area Plan) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilman Klink seconded. President Rhoda spoke in favor of the proposal. Councilman Klink stated that the neighborhood has many zoning issues to be looked into to help the neighborhood. Resolution 2000-9 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

City Attorney Eric Burns suggested that council revisit Ordinance 2000-5 to clarify the previous motion. Councilman Campbell moved to amend Ordinance 2000-5 in its entirety and pass the amended ordinance on first reading, Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

There were no Reports of Standing or Special Committees.

President Rhoda stated that Mayor Heath was unable to attend the meeting due to a family obligation.

Miscellaneous and New Business: President Rhoda spoke regarding a visit to Lafayette Central Catholic High School where they pledged 5,218 hours of service to the community in the coming months.

Councilman Probasco moved to accept Mayor Heath's appointments of Gary Brouillard, Prella McBride and Rick Schwarz to the Historic District Review Board, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Probasco moved to accept Mayor Heath's appointment of Peg Dunkle to the Human Relations Commission, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Councilmen: Councilman Meyer inquired about the bond payment for the parking garage. Ms. McLauchlan explained the procedure for payment of the bond. Councilman Klink inquired about future payments for the parking garage bond. Ms. McLauchlan stated that the rates have not been adjusted since the garage opened, and that the rates need to be looked at once the garage is at capacity.

Campbell moved that the City Clerk send a letter of thanks and condolences to Mr. Thomas Munger's family for the contributions that he has made to the Park Department, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fisher inquired about the remediation of the fuel tanks at Main and Kossuth Streets. Mr. Burns updated council on the progress of the remediation.

Councilman Roswarski inquired about the asphalt paving information that was distributed by the City Engineer's Department. Opal Kuhl explained the procedure to determine what roads are included in the paving program each year.

Public Comment: JulieVanderkolk addressed several concerns with council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote. Time being 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.

A tape recording of this council meeting is maintained in the City Clerk's Office.